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## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS AMERICA**

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**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, almost 3 million private sector jobs and 2.8 million manufacturing jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. Over 406,300 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 32 percent increase from 2000. [[www.nationalpriorities.org](http://www.nationalpriorities.org)] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 97,867,000 taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 74 percent of all taxpayers nationwide. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that millions of children will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are over 4 million students receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget raises health care costs for over 1 million veterans, increasing drug co-payments and imposing new enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years. According to the Administration's own figures, this will result in driving about 200,000 veterans out of the system, and discourage another 1 million veterans from enrolling. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** The COPS program has put 116,573 additional officers on the streets since the beginning of the program.

[<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=35>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$937 million from homeland security formula grants nationwide. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$105 million from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**Cuts overall funding for EPA by \$606 million.** The Bush budget proposes cutting funding for the EPA by \$606 million, resulting in about 5,000 fewer inspections than conducted three years ago to detect violations of the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and other key environmental laws. In addition, the Bush budget slashes funding for the states' Clean Water revolving loan funds, which help improve wastewater treatment facilities, by \$492 million – a 37 percent cut.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$147 million from the Community Services Block Grant, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS ALABAMA**

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**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Alabama would have to pay an additional \$2,018 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Alabama has lost 48,700 jobs and 38,000 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Alabama, 354 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 32% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 1,698,000 Alabama taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 84% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 35,343 children in Alabama will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 87,815 students in Alabama universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 431,049 veterans in Alabama in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Alabama has received over \$125,366,094 in grants, which has put 1,794 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$15,610,157 from homeland security formula grants in Alabama. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,536,872 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Alabama, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Alabama has 13 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 7 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$5,488,076 in Clean Water funding for Alabama. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$2,682,187 from the Community Services Block Grant in Alabama, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

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**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Alaska would have to pay an additional \$1,988 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Alaska has lost 2,100 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Alaska, 7,805 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 9% increase from 2000.

[<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 183,000 Alaska taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 63% of all taxpayers in that state.

[<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 7,074 children in Alaska will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 4,014 students in Alaska universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 67,016 veterans in Alaska in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Alaska has received over \$443,916,999 in grants, which has put 334 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$8,251,300 from homeland security formula grants in Alaska. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$213,147 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Alaska, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Alaska has 7 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 1 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$2,937,407 in Clean Water funding for Alaska. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$565,417 from the Community Services Block Grant in Alaska, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

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**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Arizona would have to pay an additional \$1,446 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Arizona has lost 35,900 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Arizona, 5,979 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 53% increase from 2000.

[<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 1,768,000 Arizona taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 76% of all taxpayers in that state.

[<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 35,223 children in Arizona will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 106,968 students in Arizona universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 562,405 veterans in Arizona in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]



**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Arizona has received over \$224,201,455 in grants, which has put 2725 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$17,195,223 from homeland security formula grants in Arizona. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,679,594 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Arizona, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Arizona has 9 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 6 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$3,314,974 in Clean Water funding for Arizona. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$1,194,253 from the Community Services Block Grant in Arizona, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

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**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Arkansas would have to pay an additional \$2,767 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Arkansas has lost 13,600 jobs and 30,900 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Arkansas, 406,313 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 46% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 1,035,000 Arkansas taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 84% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 19,585 children in Arkansas will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 48,516 students in Arkansas universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 274,272 veterans in Arkansas in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Arkansas has received over \$88,400,115 in grants, which has put 1,289 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$12,196,059 from homeland security formula grants in Arkansas. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$918,280 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Arkansas, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Arkansas has 12 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 2 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$3,210,641 in Clean Water funding for Arkansas. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$1,988,859 from the Community Services Block Grant in Arkansas, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS CALIFORNIA**

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**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in California would have to pay an additional \$2,331 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, California has lost 284,900 jobs and 300,800 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In California, 6,178 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 2% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 10,632,000 California taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 70% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 340,451 children in California will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 500,553 students in California universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 2,325,634 veterans in California in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, California has received over \$1,132,330,009 in grants, which has put 15,372 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$73,560,065 from homeland security formula grants in California. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$11,494,052 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in California, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** California has 97 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 38 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$35,101,963 in Clean Water funding for California. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$13,043,347 from the Community Services Block Grant in California, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS COLORADO**

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**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 56,799 students in Colorado universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 433,291 veterans in Colorado in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Colorado has received over \$86,663,664 in grants, which has put 1,265 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

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**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Colorado has 15 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 8 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$3,925,935 in Clean Water funding for Colorado. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$1,270,426 from the Community Services Block Grant in Colorado, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS CONNECTICUT**

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**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 280,037 veterans in Connecticut in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]



**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Connecticut has received over \$83,569,132 in grants, which has put 1,289 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$13,616,802 from homeland security formula grants in Connecticut. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,173,664 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Connecticut, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Connecticut has 15 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 8 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$6,012,642 in Clean Water funding for Connecticut. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$1,764,311 from the Community Services Block Grant in Connecticut, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS DELAWARE**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Delaware would have to pay an additional \$1,766 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Delaware has lost 9,900 jobs and 4,400 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Delaware, 23,418 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 23% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 283,000 Delaware taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 72% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 7,631 children in Delaware will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 8,131 students in Delaware universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 81,288 veterans in Delaware in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Delaware has received over \$24,168,950 in grants, which has put 454 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$8,550,953 from homeland security formula grants in Delaware. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$263,935 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Delaware, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Delaware has 16 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 5 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$2,409,430 in Clean Water funding for Delaware. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$773,244 from the Community Services Block Grant in Delaware, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS FLORIDA**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Florida would have to pay an additional \$2,183 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Florida has lost 56,400 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Florida, 19,633 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 29% increase from 2000.

[<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 6,203,000 Florida taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 76% of all taxpayers in that state.

[<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 115,558 children in Florida will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 246,052 students in Florida universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 1,829,761 veterans in Florida in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Florida has received over \$483,803,367 in grants, which has put 7,294 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$38,356,813 from homeland security formula grants in Florida. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$5,320,070 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Florida, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Florida has 51 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 23 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$16,567,058 in Clean Water funding for Florida. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$4,251,082 from the Community Services Block Grant in Florida, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS GEORGIA**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Georgia would have to pay an additional \$1,709 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Georgia has lost 15,600 jobs and 67,200 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Georgia, 406,313 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 36% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 3,069,000 Georgia taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 78% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 67,436 children in Georgia will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 127,454 students in Georgia universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 745,737 veterans in Georgia in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Georgia has received over \$154,545,926 in grants, which has put 2,497 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$23,158,191 from homeland security formula grants in Georgia. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,767,696 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Georgia, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Georgia has 14 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 6 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$8,298,332 in Clean Water funding for Georgia. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$3,934,483 from the Community Services Block Grant in Georgia, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS HAWAII**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Hawaii would have to pay an additional \$1,480 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Hawaii has lost 1,500 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Hawaii, 2,346 people declared bankruptcy during 2003. [[www.nationalpriorities.org](http://www.nationalpriorities.org)] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 429,000 Hawaii taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 74% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 8,219 children in Hawaii will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 11,809 students in Hawaii universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 114,778 veterans in Hawaii in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]



**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Hawaii has received over \$21,400,418 in grants, which has put 522 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$9,387,672 from homeland security formula grants in Hawaii. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$407,671 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Hawaii, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Hawaii has 3 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 1 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$3,801,204 in Clean Water funding for Hawaii. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$773,244 from the Community Services Block Grant in Hawaii, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS IDAHO**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Idaho would have to pay an additional \$2,696 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Idaho has lost 9,800 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Idaho, 21,433 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 37% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 471,000 Idaho taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 78% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 8,357 children in Idaho will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 24,692 students in Idaho universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 136,482 veterans in Idaho in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Idaho has received over \$29,064,363 in grants, which has put 379 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$9,538,284 from homeland security formula grants in Idaho. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$433,281 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Idaho, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Idaho has 6 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 2 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$2,409,430 in Clean Water funding for Idaho. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$759,779 from the Community Services Block Grant in Idaho, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS ILLINOIS**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Illinois would have to pay an additional \$2,012 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Illinois has lost 165,300 jobs and 126,200 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Illinois, 13,739 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 42% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 4,029,000 Illinois taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 70% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 96,306 children in Illinois will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 155,747 students in Illinois universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 922,087 veterans in Illinois in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Illinois has received over \$397,074,022 in grants, which has put 5,737 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$31,103,494 from homeland security formula grants in Illinois. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$4,309,459 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Illinois, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Illinois has 39 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 18 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$22,197,328 in Clean Water funding for Illinois. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$6,909,403 from the Community Services Block Grant in Illinois, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS INDIANA**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Indiana would have to pay an additional \$1,631 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Indiana has lost 86,300 jobs and 64,500 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Indiana, 3,063 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 52% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 2,126,000 Indiana taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 75% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 29,604 children in Indiana will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 86,875 students in Indiana universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 555,173 veterans in Indiana in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Indiana has received over \$107,004,576 in grants, which has put 1,577 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$18,767,382 from homeland security formula grants in Indiana. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,098,269 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Indiana, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Indiana has 28 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 11 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$11,828,283 in Clean Water funding for Indiana. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$2,129,725 from the Community Services Block Grant in Indiana, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS IOWA**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Iowa would have to pay an additional \$1,885 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Iowa has lost 35,200 jobs and 27,300 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Iowa, 3,968 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 53% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 1,047,000 Iowa taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 76% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 11,101 children in Iowa will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 51,596 students in Iowa universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 276,560 veterans in Iowa in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]



**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Iowa has received over \$55,669,570 in grants, which has put 732 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$12,651,822 from homeland security formula grants in Iowa. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,017,507 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Iowa, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Iowa has 13 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 1 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$6,642,569 in Clean Water funding for Iowa. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$1,582,998 from the Community Services Block Grant in Iowa, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS KANSAS**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Kansas would have to pay an additional \$1,674 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Kansas has lost 20,000 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Kansas, 7,310 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 40% increase from 2000.

[<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 916,000 Kansas taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 75% of all taxpayers in that state.

[<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 17,039 children in Kansas will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 43,078 students in Kansas universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 253,181 veterans in Kansas in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Kansas has received over \$67,808,029 in grants, which has put 851 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$12,229,232 from homeland security formula grants in Kansas. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$932,983 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Kansas, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Kansas has 10 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 7 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$4,430,140 in Clean Water funding for Kansas. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$1,193,803 from the Community Services Block Grant in Kansas, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS KENTUCKY**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Kentucky would have to pay an additional \$1,658 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Kentucky has lost 52,900 jobs and 34,600 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Kentucky, 7,162 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 42% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 1,541,000 Kentucky taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 81% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 31,858 children in Kentucky will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 67,300 students in Kentucky universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 366,475 veterans in Kentucky in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Kentucky has received over \$93,259,573 in grants, which has put 1,364 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$14,830,484 from homeland security formula grants in Kentucky. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,390,032 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Kentucky, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Kentucky has 14 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 2 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$6,246,549 in Clean Water funding for Kentucky. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$2,465,851 from the Community Services Block Grant in Kentucky, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS LOUISIANA**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Louisiana would have to pay an additional \$1,483 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Louisiana has lost 33,800 jobs and 20,500 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Louisiana, 1,123 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 29% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 1,587,000 Louisiana taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 81% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 54,458 children in Louisiana will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 82,232 students in Louisiana universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 373,922 veterans in Louisiana in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Louisiana has received over \$116,215,825 in grants, which has put 2,059 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$15,604,969 from homeland security formula grants in Louisiana. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,538,762 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Louisiana, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Louisiana has 13 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 8 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$5,395,372 in Clean Water funding for Louisiana. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$3,433,781 from the Community Services Block Grant in Louisiana, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS MAINE**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Maine would have to pay an additional \$2,067 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Maine has lost 4,900 jobs and 14,600 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Maine, 8,592 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 16% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 487,000 Maine taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 78% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 9,586 children in Maine will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 16,046 students in Maine universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 145,440 veterans in Maine in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]



**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Maine has received over \$32,289,257 in grants, which has put 378 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$9,484,479 from homeland security formula grants in Maine. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$436,844 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Maine, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Maine has 13 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 3 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$3,799,296 in Clean Water funding for Maine. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$772,550 from the Community Services Block Grant in Maine, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS MARYLAND

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Maryland would have to pay an additional \$3,002 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Maryland has lost 10,500 jobs and 21,000 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Maryland, 4,442 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 14% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 1,719,000 Maryland taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 67% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 30,780 children in Maryland will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 60,653 students in Maryland universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 484,323 veterans in Maryland in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Maryland has received over \$183,631,352 in grants, which has put 2,463 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$17,385,002 from homeland security formula grants in Maryland. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,817,606 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Maryland, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Maryland has 18 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 5 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$11,870,508 in Clean Water funding for Maryland. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$2,006,991 from the Community Services Block Grant in Maryland, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS MASSACHUSETTS**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Massachusetts would have to pay an additional \$2,396 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Massachusetts has lost 192,600 jobs and 77,900 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Massachusetts, 15,384 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 13% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 2,016,000 Massachusetts taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 65% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 49,871 children in Massachusetts will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 68,313 students in Massachusetts universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 509,868 veterans in Massachusetts in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Massachusetts has received over \$201,285,555 in grants, which has put 2,984 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$19,363,211 from homeland security formula grants in Massachusetts. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,236,219 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Massachusetts, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Massachusetts has 31 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 15 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$16,663,651 in Clean Water funding for Massachusetts. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$3,645,777 from the Community Services Block Grant in Massachusetts, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS MICHIGAN**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Michigan would have to pay an additional \$2,223 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Michigan has lost 225,100 jobs and 127,100 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Michigan, 4,781 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 71% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 3,363,000 Michigan taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 72% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 76,472 children in Michigan will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 133,529 students in Michigan universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 845,833 veterans in Michigan in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Michigan has received over \$198,146,577 in grants, which has put 3,367 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$26,263,314 from homeland security formula grants in Michigan. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$3,466,482 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Michigan, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Michigan has 67 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 17 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$21,103,513 in Clean Water funding for Michigan. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$5,417,188 from the Community Services Block Grant in Michigan, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS MINNESOTA**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Minnesota would have to pay an additional \$1,445 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Minnesota has lost 47,500 jobs and 47,300 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Minnesota, 5,639 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 39% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 1,640,000 Minnesota taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 69% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 21,400 children in Minnesota will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 65,033 students in Minnesota universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 439,131 veterans in Minnesota in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]



**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Minnesota has received over \$108,260,758 in grants, which has put 1,417 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$16,572,418 from homeland security formula grants in Minnesota. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,707,513 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Minnesota, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Minnesota has 24 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 7 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$9,020,926 in Clean Water funding for Minnesota. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$1,760,126 from the Community Services Block Grant in Minnesota, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS MISSISSIPPI**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Mississippi would have to pay an additional \$1,886 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Mississippi has lost 12,200 jobs and 33,000 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Mississippi, 9,401 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 25% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 1,097,000 Mississippi taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 85% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 29,974 children in Mississippi will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 64,539 students in Mississippi universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 243,604 veterans in Mississippi in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Mississippi has received over \$105,524,259 in grants, which has put 1,697 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$12,523,798 from homeland security formula grants in Mississippi. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$982,754 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Mississippi, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Mississippi has 2 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 1 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$4,421,886 in Clean Water funding for Mississippi. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$2,326,380 from the Community Services Block Grant in Mississippi, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS MISSOURI**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Missouri would have to pay an additional \$1,116 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Missouri has lost 73,500 jobs and 42,900 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Missouri, 1,060 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 47% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 2,041,000 Missouri taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 77% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 36,717 children in Missouri will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 84,337 students in Missouri universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 562,046 veterans in Missouri in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Missouri has received over \$156,054,639 in grants, which has put 2,276 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$17,846,848 from homeland security formula grants in Missouri. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,933,374 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Missouri, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Missouri has 22 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 8 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$13,605,879 in Clean Water funding for Missouri. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$4,047,454 from the Community Services Block Grant in Missouri, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS MONTANA**

Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Montana would have to pay an additional \$1,928 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Montana has lost 4,000 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Montana, 2,078 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 32% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 325,000 Montana taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 78% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 8,196 children in Montana will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 16,626 students in Montana universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 105,026 veterans in Montana in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Montana has received over \$46,726,498 in grants, which has put 387 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$8,756,611 from homeland security formula grants in Montana. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$307,731 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Montana, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Montana has 13 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 9 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$2,409,430 in Clean Water funding for Montana. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$723,801 from the Community Services Block Grant in Montana, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS NEBRASKA**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Nebraska would have to pay an additional \$2,495 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Nebraska has lost 8,200 jobs and 9,700 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Nebraska, 5,083 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 53% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 596,000 Nebraska taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 75% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 9,575 children in Nebraska will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 26,956 students in Nebraska universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 165,039 veterans in Nebraska in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]



**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Nebraska has received over \$46,801,803 in grants, which has put 660 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$10,324,237 from homeland security formula grants in Nebraska. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$587,327 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Nebraska, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Nebraska has 10 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 6 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$2,510,352 in Clean Water funding for Nebraska. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$1,019,535 from the Community Services Block Grant in Nebraska, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS NEVADA**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Nevada would have to pay an additional \$2,466 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Nevada, 1,050 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 47% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 814,000 Nevada taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 76% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 11,719 children in Nevada will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 16,445 students in Nevada universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 241,612 veterans in Nevada in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Nevada has received over \$35,895,349 in grants, which has put 384 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$11,032,976 from homeland security formula grants in Nevada. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$639,145 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Nevada, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Nevada has 1 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 1 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$2,409,430 in Clean Water funding for Nevada. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$773,244 from the Community Services Block Grant in Nevada, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in New Hampshire would have to pay an additional \$3,106 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, New Hampshire has lost 13,600 jobs and 22,500 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In New Hampshire, 10,548 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 21% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 396,000 New Hampshire taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 65% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 7,357 children in New Hampshire will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 12,288 students in New Hampshire universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 130,824 veterans in New Hampshire in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, New Hampshire has received over \$47,019,580 in grants, which has put 503 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$9,442,663 from homeland security formula grants in New Hampshire. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$425,592 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in New Hampshire, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** New Hampshire has 18 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 7 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$4,904,740 in Clean Water funding for New Hampshire. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$773,244 from the Community Services Block Grant in New Hampshire, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS NEW JERSEY**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in New Jersey would have to pay an additional \$1,392 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, New Jersey has lost 62,800 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In New Jersey, 2,285 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 13% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 2,488,000 New Jersey taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 62% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 49,832 children in New Jersey will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 87,292 students in New Jersey universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 610,499 veterans in New Jersey in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, New Jersey has received over \$311,693,611 in grants, which has put 4,654 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$23,408,980 from homeland security formula grants in New Jersey. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,907,190 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in New Jersey, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** New Jersey has 113 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 78 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$20,056,252 in Clean Water funding for New Jersey. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$4,002,099 from the Community Services Block Grant in New Jersey, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS NEW MEXICO

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in New Mexico would have to pay an additional \$2,845 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, New Mexico has lost 5,900 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In New Mexico, 18,452 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 43% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 551,000 New Mexico taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 79% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 22,075 children in New Mexico will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 35,324 students in New Mexico universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 185,254 veterans in New Mexico in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]



**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, New Mexico has received over \$60,901,263 in grants, which has put 759 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$10,541,511 from homeland security formula grants in New Mexico. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$613,082 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in New Mexico, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** New Mexico has 11 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 4 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$2,409,430 in Clean Water funding for New Mexico. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$821,020 from the Community Services Block Grant in New Mexico, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS NEW YORK**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in New York would have to pay an additional \$1,894 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, New York has lost 286,200 jobs and 135,200 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In New York, 9,569 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 27% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 6,367,000 New York taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 71% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 253,549 children in New York will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 336,901 students in New York universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 1,211,909 veterans in New York in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, New York has received over \$854,941,642 in grants, which has put 11,807 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$43,755,297 from homeland security formula grants in New York. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$6,627,886 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in New York, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** New York has 90 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 55 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$54,173,174 in Clean Water funding for New York. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$12,694,669 from the Community Services Block Grant in New York, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS NORTH CAROLINA**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in North Carolina would have to pay an additional \$1,439 -- a deficit tax - to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, North Carolina has lost 128,200 jobs and 148,200 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In North Carolina, 541 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 49% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 3,177,000 North Carolina taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 80% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 53,097 children in North Carolina will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 110,238 students in North Carolina universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 772,814 veterans in North Carolina in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, North Carolina has received over \$158,978,625 in grants, which has put 2,900 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$22,790,654 from homeland security formula grants in North Carolina. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,749,127 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in North Carolina, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** North Carolina has 27 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 9 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$8,857,859 in Clean Water funding for North Carolina. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$3,835,221 from the Community Services Block Grant in North Carolina, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS NORTH DAKOTA

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in North Dakota would have to pay an additional \$1,958 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, North Dakota has lost 1,500 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In North Dakota, 21,593 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 8% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 223,000 North Dakota taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 78% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 7,286 children in North Dakota will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 13,644 students in North Dakota universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 58,087 veterans in North Dakota in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, North Dakota has received over \$19,901,154 in grants, which has put 255 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$8,245,668 from homeland security formula grants in North Dakota. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$222,766 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in North Dakota, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** North Dakota has 0 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 0 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$2,409,430 in Clean Water funding for North Dakota. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$724,367 from the Community Services Block Grant in North Dakota, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS OHIO**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Ohio would have to pay an additional \$1,451 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Ohio has lost 264,700 jobs and 160,100 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Ohio, 6,521 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 76% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 4,200,000 Ohio taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 75% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 80,268 children in Ohio will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 161,453 students in Ohio universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 1,062,906 veterans in Ohio in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]



**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Ohio has received over \$249,064,916 in grants, which has put 3,719 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$28,935,739 from homeland security formula grants in Ohio. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$3,962,082 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Ohio, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Ohio has 29 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 6 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$27,630,082 in Clean Water funding for Ohio. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$5,701,583 from the Community Services Block Grant in Ohio, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS OKLAHOMA**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Oklahoma would have to pay an additional \$1,735 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Oklahoma has lost 35,600 jobs and 25,100 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Oklahoma, 6,001 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 61% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 1,232,000 Oklahoma taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 82% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 23,919 children in Oklahoma will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 64,987 students in Oklahoma universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 360,795 veterans in Oklahoma in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Oklahoma has received over \$74,889,710 in grants, which has put 1,022 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$13,693,221 from homeland security formula grants in Oklahoma. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,189,485 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Oklahoma, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Oklahoma has 10 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 6 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$3,965,262 in Clean Water funding for Oklahoma. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$1,831,671 from the Community Services Block Grant in Oklahoma, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS OREGON**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Oregon would have to pay an additional \$2,186 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Oregon has lost 48,200 jobs and 26,400 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Oregon, 14,328 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 49% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 1,273,000 Oregon taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 76% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 23,120 children in Oregon will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 51,630 students in Oregon universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 370,344 veterans in Oregon in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Oregon has received over \$89,061,019 in grants, which has put 1,027 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$13,696,615 from homeland security formula grants in Oregon. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,171,406 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Oregon, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Oregon has 11 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 6 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$5,544,352 in Clean Water funding for Oregon. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$1,166,242 from the Community Services Block Grant in Oregon, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS PENNSYLVANIA**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Pennsylvania would have to pay an additional \$1,874 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Pennsylvania has lost 85,600 jobs and 138,900 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Pennsylvania, 406,313 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 34% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 4,249,000 Pennsylvania taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 73% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 87,404 children in Pennsylvania will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 159,741 students in Pennsylvania universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 1,180,309 veterans in Pennsylvania in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Pennsylvania has received over \$212,978,581 in grants, which has put 3,526 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$30,653,114 from homeland security formula grants in Pennsylvania. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$4,269,462 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Pennsylvania, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Pennsylvania has 93 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 42 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$19,441,404 in Clean Water funding for Pennsylvania. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$6,192,521 from the Community Services Block Grant in Pennsylvania, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS RHODE ISLAND**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Rhode Island would have to pay an additional \$1,701 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Rhode Island has lost 12,100 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Rhode Island, 4,057 people declared bankruptcy during 2003. [[www.nationalpriorities.org](http://www.nationalpriorities.org)] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 375,000 Rhode Island taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 72% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 9,079 children in Rhode Island will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 18,532 students in Rhode Island universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 93,894 veterans in Rhode Island in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]



**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Rhode Island has received over \$24,961,195 in grants, which has put 386 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$9,065,716 from homeland security formula grants in Rhode Island. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$362,232 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Rhode Island, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Rhode Island has 12 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 7 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$3,295,568 in Clean Water funding for Rhode Island. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$808,554 from the Community Services Block Grant in Rhode Island, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS SOUTH CAROLINA**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in South Carolina would have to pay an additional \$1,717 -- a deficit tax - to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, South Carolina has lost 68,200 jobs and 58,500 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In South Carolina, 686 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 40% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 1,594,000 South Carolina taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 83% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 31,701 children in South Carolina will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 63,056 students in South Carolina universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 411,650 veterans in South Carolina in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, South Carolina has received over \$82,430,665 in grants, which has put 1,066 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$14,815,864 from homeland security formula grants in South Carolina. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,369,453 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in South Carolina, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** South Carolina has 25 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 6 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$5,028,004 in Clean Water funding for South Carolina. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$2,249,670 from the Community Services Block Grant in South Carolina, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS SOUTH DAKOTA

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in South Dakota would have to pay an additional \$2,020 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, South Dakota has lost 7,100 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In South Dakota, 16,336 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 39% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 268,000 South Dakota taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 79% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 8,168 children in South Dakota will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 14,968 students in South Dakota universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 76,799 veterans in South Dakota in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, South Dakota has received over \$45,655,687 in grants, which has put 371 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$8,483,629 from homeland security formula grants in South Dakota. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$260,666 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in South Dakota, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** South Dakota has 2 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 1 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$2,409,430 in Clean Water funding for South Dakota. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$698,950 from the Community Services Block Grant in South Dakota, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS TENNESSEE**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Tennessee would have to pay an additional \$2,247 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Tennessee has lost 56,300 jobs and 60,700 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Tennessee, 21,569 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 49% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 2,242,000 Tennessee taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 82% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 37,610 children in Tennessee will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 84,193 students in Tennessee universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 544,695 veterans in Tennessee in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Tennessee has received over \$156,972,436 in grants, which has put 2,340 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$18,050,893 from homeland security formula grants in Tennessee. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,947,422 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Tennessee, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Tennessee has 12 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 3 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$7,129,789 in Clean Water funding for Tennessee. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$2,881,475 from the Community Services Block Grant in Tennessee, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS TEXAS**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Texas would have to pay an additional \$1,660 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Texas has lost 84,300 jobs and 160,000 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Texas, 5,487 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 45% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 7,154,000 Texas taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 76% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 205,157 children in Texas will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 313,832 students in Texas universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 1,679,056 veterans in Texas in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]



**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Texas has received over \$410,080,842 in grants, which has put 5,937 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$48,010,774 from homeland security formula grants in Texas. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$7,002,229 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Texas, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Texas has 40 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 24 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$22,432,702 in Clean Water funding for Texas. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$7,043,296 from the Community Services Block Grant in Texas, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS UTAH**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Utah would have to pay an additional \$1,508 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Utah has lost 12,700 jobs and 15,400 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Utah, 459 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 54% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 753,000 Utah taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 79% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 9,099 children in Utah will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 50,167 students in Utah universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 158,132 veterans in Utah in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Utah has received over \$88,622,319 in grants, which has put 990 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$11,388,643 from homeland security formula grants in Utah. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$760,264 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Utah, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Utah has 16 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 6 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$2,586,070 in Clean Water funding for Utah. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$755,645 from the Community Services Block Grant in Utah, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS VERMONT**

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Even as middle class Americans are struggling to achieve financial security, the Bush budget ignores the very real challenges they are facing. It fails to create jobs, and instead creates record deficits. It shortchanges education, health care, veterans' benefits, and small business. Instead of helping working families, it provides additional tax breaks for those who need them least and billions of dollars in new giveaways to HMOs and other wealthy corporate interests.

**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Vermont would have to pay an additional \$2,511 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Vermont has lost 1,500 jobs and 9,300 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Vermont, 10,721 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 28% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 209,000 Vermont taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 72% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 6,421 children in Vermont will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 8,227 students in Vermont universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 59,373 veterans in Vermont in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Vermont has received over \$25,513,241 in grants, which has put 242 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$8,206,372 from homeland security formula grants in Vermont. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$212,024 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Vermont, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Vermont has 9 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 5 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$2,409,430 in Clean Water funding for Vermont. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$773,244 from the Community Services Block Grant in Vermont, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS VIRGINIA**

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**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Virginia would have to pay an additional \$3,173 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Virginia has lost 12,100 jobs and 53,700 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Virginia, 10,046 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 18% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 2,504,000 Virginia taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 72% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 34,524 children in Virginia will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 84,934 students in Virginia universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 755,089 veterans in Virginia in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Virginia has received over \$227,833,735 in grants, which has put 2,311 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$20,806,367 from homeland security formula grants in Virginia. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,396,436 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Virginia, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Virginia has 30 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 11 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$10,044,378 in Clean Water funding for Virginia. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$2,341,721 from the Community Services Block Grant in Virginia, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS WASHINGTON**

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**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Washington would have to pay an additional \$1,417 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Washington has lost 51,600 jobs and 67,000 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Washington, 2,695 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 31% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 2,019,000 Washington taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 70% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 29,681 children in Washington will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 73,726 students in Washington universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 640,520 veterans in Washington in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]



**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Washington has received over \$158,693,941 in grants, which has put 1,911 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$18,530,172 from homeland security formula grants in Washington. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$2,024,203 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Washington, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Washington has 48 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 14 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$8,535,173 in Clean Water funding for Washington. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$1,722,386 from the Community Services Block Grant in Washington, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS WEST VIRGINIA**

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**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in West Virginia would have to pay an additional \$1,962 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, West Virginia has lost 12,000 jobs and 10,000 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In West Virginia, 6,915 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 31% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 690,000 West Virginia taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 83% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 18,642 children in West Virginia will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 31,822 students in West Virginia universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 192,348 veterans in West Virginia in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, West Virginia has received over \$38,780,385 in grants, which has put 678 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$10,469,558 from homeland security formula grants in West Virginia. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$624,851 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in West Virginia, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** West Virginia has 9 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 7 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$7,650,980 in Clean Water funding for West Virginia. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$1,637,392 from the Community Services Block Grant in West Virginia, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS WISCONSIN**

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**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Wisconsin would have to pay an additional \$2,007 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Wisconsin has lost 75,400 jobs and 74,800 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Wisconsin, 616 people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 32% increase from 2000. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 1,868,000 Wisconsin taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 73% of all taxpayers in that state. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 29,236 children in Wisconsin will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 58,595 students in Wisconsin universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 486,585 veterans in Wisconsin in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Wisconsin has received over \$100,632,622 in grants, which has put 1,329 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$17,401,783 from homeland security formula grants in Wisconsin. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$1,856,511 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Wisconsin, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Wisconsin has 39 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 3 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$13,268,592 in Clean Water funding for Wisconsin. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$1,779,653 from the Community Services Block Grant in Wisconsin, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]

## **IRRESPONSIBLE PRIORITIES OF BUSH BUDGET HARMS WYOMING**

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**Reckless Republican policies create record deficits.** The President's reckless disregard for fiscal responsibility has led to a \$521 billion deficit in FY 2004. If the budget were to be balanced this year, the average taxpayer in Wyoming would have to pay an additional \$4,059 -- a deficit tax -- to cover the gap. [<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>]

**Bush budget provides an additional \$1 trillion in tax cuts for those who don't need them but does nothing to create good jobs here at home.** Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, Wyoming has lost 800 manufacturing jobs. Almost 3 million private sector jobs have been lost nationwide. [BLS 1/04] Personal bankruptcies are at an all time high as families struggle to pay the bills. In Wyoming, people declared bankruptcy during 2003-- a 26% increase from 2000.

[<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/impact04/index.html>] But under Bush's 2003 tax break, 153,000 Wyoming taxpayers get a tax cut of less than \$100 this year -- 68% of all taxpayers in that state.

[<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/2003statecut.pdf>]

**Breaks the promise of a better education.** The President's budget fails to provide \$9.4 billion in promised funding for education -- meaning that 6,797 children in Wyoming will not get the help with reading and math through Title I they were promised. [CRS, 1/04] It also eliminates Federal funding for dropout prevention programs nationwide, and fails to provide promised funds for after-school programs.

**Freezes Pell Grant Award Level and slashes nearly \$100 million for Perkins Loans.** The most recent data available indicate that there are 7,479 students in Wyoming universities receiving Pell Grants. [<http://www.ed.gov/finaid/prof/resources/data/ope.html?exp=0>] The President's budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant and eliminates nearly \$100 million in funding for new Federal contributions for Perkins loans, which provide low-interest loans for students with financial needs. It also freezes or eliminates funding for campus-based student aid programs, resulting in the loss of grants, work-study, and loans.

**Leaves veterans behind.** The President's budget imposes new co-payments and enrollment fees that will cost veterans over \$2 billion over five years and underfunds veterans health care programs by \$13.5 billion over the next five years, placing the health care earned by 56,880 veterans in Wyoming in jeopardy. [Department of Veterans Affairs, 9/03]

**Slashes \$655 million in funding for the COPS program – an 87 percent cut.** Over the life of the COPS program, Wyoming has received over \$8,383,745 in grants, which has put 129 additional officers on the streets. [<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=480>] The President's budget decimates the COPS program, reducing its funding by 87 percent.

**Slashes \$1 billion in funding for homeland security and bioterrorism grants.** The Bush budget cuts \$7,980,127 from homeland security formula grants in Wyoming. These grants provide police, firefighters and emergency management teams with the training and equipment they need to keep communities safe. It also cuts \$171,203 from the Centers on Disease Control's state and local capacity bioterrorism grants in Wyoming, which fund needed improvements in public health and medical infrastructure statewide. [FFIS, 2/04]

**\$606 million cut in environmental protection programs.** Wyoming has 1 sites contaminated with toxic waste on the National Priorities Superfund List, and 2 sites are likely to be affected by failing to fully fund the Superfund program. [Sierra Club, 2/04] The budget also cuts Clean Water funding by 37 percent nationwide -- a \$2,409,430 in Clean Water funding for Wyoming. [FFIS, 2/04] The President's budget also freezes funding for safe drinking water programs.

**\$147 million cut in the Community Services Block Grant.** The President's budget cuts \$773,244 from the Community Services Block Grant in Wyoming, which provides employment services, housing, family counseling, transportation, medical and dental care and emergency assistance to families in need. [FFIS, 2/04]